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WHITEHORSE YOUTH SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Youth mini-charrette
City Hall
Tuesday (February 26th)
12:30 – 4 pm
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On February 26th, the City of Whitehorse is hosting a Youth Mini-Charrette to engage Youth to ensure their voice is heard regarding the Sustainability Plan.

In October the City held a four day Sustainability Charrette where local residents, leading experts and the City of Whitehorse joined together in a planning process to identify issues, goals and solutions to assist in developing the Sustainability Plan.

To ensure the youth perspective is integrated into the Sustainability Plan, the City has taken the initiative to develop a mini-charrette for youth with the Experiential Science 11 class from Wood Street School annex. One of the activities is the "Enviroeconopoly" game. This is a sustainable version of Monopoly where the students will be learning about sustainability issues within the municipal context.

The City of Whitehorse understands the need to engage residents including youth in creating a long term sustainable plan. Last week Mayor Buckway along with City staff participated in a charrette with elementary school students from Whitehorse Elementary. "The energy and the ideas from our youth is amazing. This plan is about their future, so not only do we want their creativity but they need to be involved." This plan will reflect the need to grow and develop within a balanced approach, respecting resident's values for the environment, the economy and society.

For more information, please contact Lesley Cabott at 668-8600 or email her at lesley.cabott@whitehorse.ca

Agenda
10-10:20 Review & answer questions from homework.
10:20 – 11:15 Jeopardy game with answers/questions based on homework.
11:15 – 11:30 Outline afternoon activity
11:30 – 12:30 Lunch
12:30 – 2:30 Enviroeconopoly game
2:30 – 2:45 Break
2:45 – 3:30 Break-out groups
3:30 – 3:50: See-It model

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